FEDERAL CANDIDATE AND STATE-LISTED SPECIES

Candidate species are species under consideration by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for possible inclusion on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. Although these species receive no substantive or procedural protection under the Endangered Species Act, the Service encourages federal agencies and other planners to consider federal candidate species in project planning.

The New Jersey Natural Heritage Program maintains the most up-to-date information on federal candidate species and State-listed species in New Jersey and may be contacted at the following address:

Coordinator Natural Heritage Program Division of Parks and Forestry P.O. Box 404 Trenton, New Jersey 08625 (609) 984-0097

Additionally, information on New Jersey's State-listed wildlife species may be obtained from the following office:

Dr. Larry Niles Endangered and Nongame Species Program Division of Fish and Wildlife P.O. Box 400 Trenton, New Jersey 08625 (609) 292-9400

If information from either of the aforementioned sources reveals the presence of any federal candidate species within a project area, the Service should be contacted to ensure that these species are not adversely affected by project activities.